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The Honorable Kay Granger Chair House Committee on Appropriations U.S. House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515 The Honorable Rosa DeLauro Ranking Member House Committee on Appropriations U.S. House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for Plainville-Robertson Airport Hangar Project in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Town of Plainville located at 62 Johnson Ave, Plainville, CT 06062. The funding would be used to build two (2) 20-unit nested T-hangars at Plainville's Robertson Airport. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because Robertson Airport is an important part of the region's transportation capacity. Designated by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) as a reliver airport, Robertson provides relief and additional capacity to the region when a commercial airport, such as Bradley International Airport, requires support for general aviation activities, either on a long-term or temporary basis. A feasibility analysis of the airport cited the economic impact assessment of the airport as generating 50 jobs and \$2 million in economic activity. The report also states that as part of the that impact, the facility provides support for several regional businesses, which provide over 600 jobs and approximately \$40 million in wages. Robertson is a well-equipped municipal airport but lacks adequate space for aircrafts. The construction of these additional hangars would help secure the long-term sustainability of the airport.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 49 U.S.C. 47100 et seq.

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,

Jahana Hayes

Member of Congress